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FOR

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PREFACE.

IN casting this stray leaf in the path of devotion, our object is two-fold: Primarily, to supply an oft-repeated demand for suitable, short Novenas for the principal Feasts of the year; and, secondly, through the trifling sum for which the book is sold, to obtain funds for the Little Association instituted for the Relief of Poor Churches.

We dedicate it to the Sacred Heart of our Lord in the Tabernacle, on whom we depend for the success of a work undertaken for His greater honor and glory, and we pray that He may deign to bestow a special blessing on all who further it, either spiritually or temporally.

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JANUARY.

MONTH OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION.

January 1st.

The Novena preparatory to this Feast will commence on December 23d, and terminate on the 31st.

PRAYER.

OH! most sweet Infant Jesus, who at the expiration of eight days didst submit to be circumcised, receiving the holy name of Jesus, and becoming, in virtue of that name and by the shedding of that blood, the Saviour of the world, I prostrate myself humbly before Thee, and thank Thee with all my heart for

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this Thy great mercy and love to me and to all poor sinners. The sight of this Thy blood reminds me hopefully of the source whence flows every grace, every grace which will be imparted to me during the year; and also of the asylum where I will seek shelter and aid in every tribulation. It is Thy heart, dear Lord, which was opened to me in this first shedding of Thy blood. Therefore I devote to thee, Oh! sweetest, dearest Heart, every word and deed, every throb of my heart, all, all that I do or suffer during this year. Accept my offering, and strengthen me with Thy grace; enlighten and shield me, and grant me in virtue of Thy name, that most holy, most efficacious name of Jesus, this my request . . . . . Hear me, oh! Jesus, for the sake of this Thy name and of Thy loving heart! Amen.

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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.

January 6th.

This Novena commences on the 28th of December, and ends January 5th.

PRAYER.

I SALUTE Thee, O divine Heart, with the three Magi who offered their homage to Thee. Regard me, I beseech Thee, with the same love and kindness with which Thou didst receive them, that I may offer with my heart, gold, frankincense and myrrh; that is to say, my intellect, my memory and my will, in complete subjection to Thee, in faith, hope, charity, in thought, word and deed. Accept my offering, accept my heart, and grant that I may live and die thanking Thee for the invaluable favor of being called to the true faith. Hence, I beg

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of Thee, by the joy which filled Thy heart, when Thou didst see the first of the Gentiles at Thy feet, to hear my prayer and grant the request I make in this Novena. Amen.

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

This Feast falls on the second Sunday after Epiphany.

PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL Jesus! who didst in Thy early infancy commence Thy office of Saviour, by shedding Thy blood and assuming that name which is above all names, we thank Thee for such early proofs of Thy infinite love, and we venerate Thy sacred name with the profound respect of the angel who first announced it to the earth.

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Animated with a firm faith in Thy unerring word, and penetrated with confidence in Thy mercy, we now most humbly remind Thee of the promise Thou hast made, that whatever we ask of the Father in Thy name should be granted; therefore we implore through that adorable name, and in virtue of that promise, the particular favor we petition for in this Novena.

O blessed Mother of our Redeemer! who didst participate so sensibly in the sufferings of thy dear Son, when He shed His sacred blood and assumed for us the name of Jesus, obtain for us, through His most holy name, the grant of this our petition. Amen.

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FEBRUARY.

MONTH OF THE PASSION.

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION.

February 2d.

The Novena commences January 24th, and ends on the first of February.

PRAYER.

O MOST holy Mother, who, though a pure Virgin, didst humbly submit to the requirements of the law, going up into the Temple to be purified, we beseech thee, through the joy that filled thy Immaculate Heart when thou didst present thy Divine Son to the Eternal Father, and through the sorrow that pierced thy soul at the prophecy of holy Simeon, to obtain for us . . . . .

Ask for us also, dear Mother, the grace to imitate thy humility and obedience, that thus we may be pleasing to thy Divine Son. Amen.

APPARITION OF OUR LADY AT LOURDES.

February 11th.

This Novena begins on the 2d of February and ends on the 10th.

EJACULATION.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary! (100 days.)

PRAYER.

O IMMACULATE Virgin,
Mother of Mercy,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comfortress of the afflicted,

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Thou knowest our needs and our sufferings. Deign to look on us pityingly, and to help us bountifully. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, thou hast shown that thou didst wish it to be a priviledged spot, whence thou shouldst dispense thy favors with especial abundance. Already very many have found there the cure both of their souls and of their bodies. Though we are so far distant from that holy place, yet even from afar we call to thee, O dear Lady of Lourdes, and ask that we may be sharers in those blessings. Hear our humble prayer, O loving and beloved Mother; and obtain for us . . . . . Help us in our bodily needs and spiritual infirmities; may our gratitude for thy favors make us still more careful to imitate thy virtues during all our life, that so we

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may one day come to share with thee in the glory of heaven. Amen.

Our dear Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED,

Which can be made at any time during Lent.

PRAYER.

JESUS Christ Crucified, Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, incline Thy sacred Head, and listen to my petitions and sighs, as Thou didst listen to Thy eternal Father on Mount Thabor. Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ Crucified, Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred Eyes, and look upon me as Thou didst look upon Thy sacred Mother from the Cross. Hail Mary, etc.

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Jesus Christ Crucified, Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open thy sacred Lips, and speak to my afflicted heart, as Thou didst speak to St. John, when Thou recommendedst him to Thy dear Mother. Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ Crucified, Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred Arms, and receive me Thy poor child, as Thou didst embrace the hard wood of the Cross, for love of me and of all sinners. Hail Mary, etc.

Jesus Christ Crucified, Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred Heart, that seat of love and mercy, and receive mine into it; make it wholly Thine. Hear my prayers, and grant my petitions. Hail Mary, etc.

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FEAST OF THE FIVE WOUNDS.

Friday after the third Sunday in Lent.

PRAYER.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent Creator of the world, and Redeemer of mankind, who containest both heaven and earth in Thy hand, and whose mercy no bounds can limit, remember, I beseech Thee, that bitter pain and anguish Thou didst endure, when Thy cruel executioners pierced Thy tender hands and feet with most rough and blunt nails, stretching them forth violently with cords to the holes which they had made in the Cross, and piercing Thy blessed side with a spear, causing thereby the last drop of Thy Precious Blood to issue forth. O most sweet and gracious Jesus, by the memory of all those pains and torments

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on the Cross, vouchsafe to grant me .... and before my death true contrition, entire confession, and full remission of my sins. Amen.

MARCH.

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK.

March 17th.

This Novena commences on the 8th and ends on the 16th of March.

PRAYER.

O BLESSED Apostle of Ireland! glorious St. Patrick! who didst become my father and benefactor long before my birth, receive my prayers, and accept the sentiments of gratitude and veneration with which my heart is filled towards thee. Thou wert the channel of the greatest graces to me; deign, then, to become also the channel of my grateful thanksgivings to God for having granted me, through

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thee, that precious gift of faith, wl
dearer than life. O most blessed
and patron of my country! do not
seech thee, despise my weakness.
member that the cries of little ch
were the mysterious invitation thou
receive to come among us. Listen,
to my most humble supplications; I
them to the praises and blessings
will ever follow thy name and thy
ory throughout the Irish Church; I
them to the prayers of the multitu
my ancestors, who now enjoy et
bliss, and owe their salvation, under
to thy zeal and charity. They will
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tened to thy word, and followed th
ample. Ah! since I am descended
saints, may I blush to differ from tl
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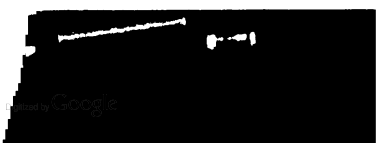


God with all my heart, and serve Him with all my strength. For this end I most humbly beg thy blessing, O great St. Patrick! and thy particular aid, in obtaining whatever grace thou seest to be most necessary for me, and also the intentions of this Novena. (Name them.)

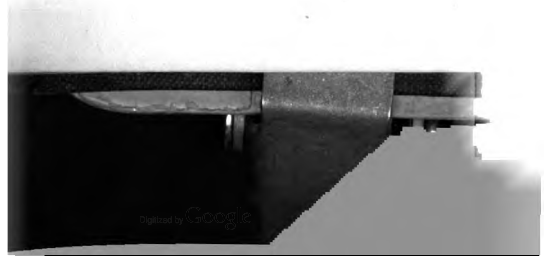
FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH.

March 19th.

Novena commences on the 9th.

PRAYER.

HOLY St. Joseph, you who are that good and faithful servant, to whom God committed the care of his family, whom He appointed guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ, the comfort and support of his holy Mother, and the depository of his great design of the salva-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and of dying in their arms;
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of pure souls, humble, patient a
served; be moved with the confi
we place in your intercession, and
with kindness this testimony of ou
votion.

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favor He hath been pleased to conf
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cession, to enable us to imitate you
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and Mary, and by the love they ha
you, obtain for us this our request..
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and dying in the love of Jesus and M
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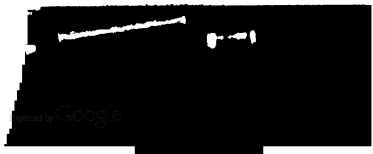

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APRIL.

MONTH OF THE RESURRECT

FEAST OF THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JO

Third Sunday after Easter.

For Novena, same prayer as for March.

Sunday after Easter

same prayer as for 19th

Heart, the unlimited power that yo
possess over the Heart of your adorab
Son. Full of confidence in your meri
I come to implore your protection.
Mother of the Heart of Jesus, of th
Heart which is the inexhaustible sour
of all graces, and which you can op
at your pleasure, and cause all t
treasures of love and mercy, of light a

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my mother, O our Lady of the Sacred Heart, favorably receive my prayer, and vouchsafe to grant my petition. Amen.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! (40 days indulgence.)

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

PRAYER OF ST. CAJETAN.

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LOOK down, O Lord, from Thy sanc-

OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

ER OF ST. CAJETAN.

n, O Lord, from Thy sanc
from heaven, Thy dwellin
old this holy Victim, whic
d Jesus, our Lord and
est, offers to Thee for the
thren; and let not Thy
d upon us for our trans

Which sweetly flow in silent streams
From Thy bright throne above;
O come, Thou Father of the poor,
Thou bounteous source of all our store,
Come fire our hearts with love.

Come Thou of comforters the best;
Come Thou, the soul's delicious guest—
The Pilgrim's sweet relief:
Thou art our rest in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in excessive heat,
And comfort in our grief.

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Have any worth or price in man,
Nothing can harmless be.

Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
Water from heaven our barren clay,
Our wounds and bruises heal:
To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
Warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,
Our wandering feet repel.

Oh, grant Thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is Thy sure word,
The seven gifts of Thy spirit.
Grant us in life to obey Thy grace,

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God, who, by the
Ghost, hast instructed
faithful, grant that b
Spirit we may have a
ing in all things, and
His holy consolation, t
Lord. Amen.

O God, to whom ev
every will declares itse
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hope is Thy sure word,
n gifts of Thy spirit.
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O God, to whom every heart is o
every will declares itself, and from wh
no secret lies concealed, purify by the
spiration of the Holy Ghost, the thoug
of our hearts, that we may perfectly l
Thee, and worthily praise Thee, throu
Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS.

O God, who hast poured the gift

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health of mind and body; that loving Thee with all their strength they may accomplish those things which are pleasing to Thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER

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Heart of Jesus.

Ardent love of the Heart of Jesus.

Fervent zeal of the Heart of Jesus.

Reparations of the Heart of Jesus.

Thanksgiving of the Heart of Jesus.

Firm confidence of the Heart of Jesus.

Inflamed prayers of the Heart of Jesus.

Eloquent silence of the Heart of Jesus.

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Ineffable goodness of the Heart of Jesus.

Universal charity of the Heart of Jesus.

Profound recollection of the Heart of Jesus.

Tender solicitude of the Heart of Jesus for the conversion of sinners.

Close union of the Heart of Jesus with the Heavenly Father.

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I unite myself to you.